

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

May 28, 2009

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on May 21, 2009 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending May 27, 2009 in the amount of \$271,664.77 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of May 21-27, 2009
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from May 8-26, 2009

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS:

- none -

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$2,059,433.51 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

Andrew Gould of 17 Couch Street said his wife and dog were attacked by another dog and believes people should have insurance for their dogs.

Alan McClosky of 19 Riverside Road thanked the City for doing such a good job paving his road.

7. OTHER ITEMS

A. Request from MLD to advertise for bid No. 2009-6-1, "Steel Distribution Pole."

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to advertise for bid No. 2009-6-1, "Steel Distribution Pole."

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Carpenter
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. Request from MLD to award GottoGo Electric bid No. 2009-4-1 "Evaluation Revenue Meter" for a total amount of \$45,488.00.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to award GottoGo Electric bid No. 2009-4-1 "Evaluation Revenue Meter" for a total amount of \$45,488.00.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Carpenter
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. Request from MLD to write off unpaid final bills from July 1-31, 2008 in the total amount of \$6,621.04.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write off unpaid final bills from July 1-31, 2008 in the total amount of \$6,621.04.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. Request from Public Works to fill vacant budgeted position of Maintenance Worker 1.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Public Works to fill vacant budgeted position of Maintenance Worker 1.

By Councilor Rabideau; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion:

Councilor Calnon said we (the Council) have done our job by budgeting the position in. It is now an administrative decision.

Councilor Carpenter asked why it was brought up.

Mayor Kasprzak said because he wanted it on the agenda however Mike Brodi didn't.

Councilor Kelly asked why Mayor Kasprzak wanted it on the agenda.

Mayor Kasprzak said he was trying to figure out who has an interest in some positions and who has an interest in other positions.

Councilor Kelly said he is voting in favor of this because it is a budgeted position.

Superintendent of Public Works Mike Brodi said the man who retired was Maintenance Worker II and he is filling Maintenance Worker I.

Mayor Kasprzak said Mike Brodi has been saving the City money.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. Motion to waive Rule 4 for initial item number 3 "Request for the Mayor to be authorized to sign Amendment No. 1 to Outdoor Table License Agreement with Siam Sam LLC dba Sawatdee

Authentic Thai & Vegetarian Restaurant, granting an option to extend the term of the license to December 31, 2011 to coincide with liquor license expiration.”

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 1 to Outdoor Table License Agreement with Siam Sam LLC dba Sawatdee Authentic Thai & Vegetarian Restaurant, granting an option to extend the term of the license to December 31, 2011 to coincide with liquor license expiration.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUESTS

A. Request from Chief Desmond Racicot for Officer Robert Annis to attend the “State of New York Police Juvenile Officers Association Quarterly Board Meeting” in Lake George, NY from June 4-5, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$25 which will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Officer Robert Annis to attend the “State of New York Police Juvenile Officers Association Quarterly Board Meeting” in Lake George, NY from June 4-5, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$25 which will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

- 1.** Request from the City Chamberlain to review insurance quotes to be awarded on July 6, 2009.
- 2.** Request from the Superintendent of Recreation to close off the inside lane of the US Oval from 6 am-1 pm on September 26, 2009 for the American Heart Association Heart Walk and Health Fair.

3. Request for the Mayor to be authorized to sign Amendment No. 1 to Outdoor Table License Agreement with Siam Sam LLC dba Sawatdee Authentic Thai & Vegetarian Restaurant, granting an option to extend the term of the license to December 31, 2011 to coincide with liquor license expiration.
(Moved to agenda Other Items Letter E)

4. Request from Fire Chief Williams to solicit bids for an electric boiler for Station II.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Valentine mentioned that the new recreation room is being used every weekend and starting to generate some revenues.

Councilor Calnon said that we have major borrowing coming up in June. The only bond rating is with Moody's which is a negative outlook. We have also never been rated by Standard and Poor's. Calnon announced that the Mayor, Councilor Chris Jackson, City Assessor Brian Dowling, City Chamberlain Richard Marks, and he went to NYC and visited both. Calnon believes it was important to do that. Calnon feels confident the negative rating will be removed. Some of the things that produced a negative outlook we have corrected in the past three years.

Mayor Kasprzak said it was difficult to talk to the professionals and convince them of the solid decisions we have all made as a Council when they have the numbers in front of them. Kasprzak believes they understand that we turned around the City financially and hopes for a positive outcome.

Councilor Jackson requested to move the MLD Board meeting to June 11th due to a time sensitive decision.

10. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:40 pm